

Troop 290 Newsletter

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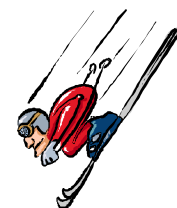


January 18, 2009



Turkey Feed

The annual Turkey Feed at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp is just around the corner. Feb 6-8 will be a weekend of sledding, skiing, and other snowy things that Scouts in Florida can only dream of - but we can DO! Unfurl your sleeping bag on the floor of the beautiful lodge building, and help cook (indoors!) a BIG turkey dinner. Permission forms for this trip were emailed on Jan 18, and are due back to Mr. Terry by Feb. 2.



Afton Alps Trip

The annual Afton Alps ski trip will begin the evening of Feb 28 with a sleep over at the resort, followed by skiing all day Saturday March 1st. Mark your calendars now. Permission form and more details later.

Pack 290 Pinewood Derby



This year's Pinewood Derby for Pack 290 is scheduled for 10:30 to 12:30 on January 24th. They would like to have 3-4 Boy Scouts attend to help with the race and some of the judging of the paint/design schemes of the cars. Scouts, please consider volunteering to help out at this wild and crazy event. Talk to Sandra Bobka or email her if interested. Thanks! bobka@charter.net

≡ Congratulations! ≡

The following badges and ranks were awarded at the Nov. 3 Court of Honor:

Wilderness Survival – Sam E, Erik P, Brian T
2nd Class Rank - Erik S

Protestant Scouts Religious Emblem Program

Boy/Girl Scout God and Country Series offered again at Shepherd of the Valley.

Classes on Sunday afternoons
Feb 8 & 22, Mar 1 & 15, Apr 5, 19 & 26

for grades 6-8, God and Church, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
for grades 9-12, God and Life, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

To register contact Bob Elliott at
cbdactivites@comcast.net or 952-953-4336

Catholic Scouts Religious Emblem Program

Mary Mother of the Church is offering the Ad Altare Dei program. They are beginning Jan 7 and going through May, meeting every other Wednesday. You can join the program late, starting Jan 21st! Contact Jeanne Oberg ASAP if interested.

mjoberg@comcast.net

Troop 290 Parents,

In this tough economic climate I feel we are doing fairly well on our Friends of Scouting efforts. To date we are just under 60% of our unit goal. We are not the top Troop in the District, but not the bottom Troop either.

I would like to commend Scott Cahow, FOS Chair and Assistant Scoutmaster for his continued effort and dedication to making sure we reach our goal.

I usually wait until after Christmas is over to make my donation to FOS. (Scott, my pledge card is on the way!!!) The program starts in November and continues to the end of February.

I believe in Scouting and enjoy working with all of the Scouts in the program. Every first year Scout in our Troop has completed Tenderfoot and Second Class is now working on First Class rank. We had 9 Scouts in Troop 290 make the rank of Eagle Scout last year. What a difference that has made and will continue to make in their lives.

Please help the Troop by donating to FOS. We Earn free rank advancement patches that saves the Troop hundreds of dollars annually when we reach our goal.

Regards,

Dan Schliesman
Scoutmaster
Troop 290

Annual Dues

Annual dues were due Nov. 3rd. Please refer to the list of Scouts whose dues we do not have recorded and submit yours promptly to Mrs. Monica Reed. The list was emailed to all in Jan. Dues include registration with the Boy Scouts of America organization, re-chartering costs, and general administrative costs to the troop (printing, postage, & badges). You can choose to pay just the dues, or the dues plus a yearly subscription to Boys' Life magazine.

Dues are \$20.00. Each Boys' Life subscription will cost an additional \$12.00.

Please make your check payable to Troop 290 and either give it to Mark Peterman or mail to Monica Reed, Troop 290 Treasurer, 13508 Flagstaff Ave, Apple Valley, MN 55124, as soon as possible.

Dues may be paid using Camp Funds. Notify Monica at 952.432.1497 if you wish to use camp funds to pay dues.



SNEAK PEEK

Here's what is planned for future meetings:
Meetings are held at Scott Highland Middle School (SHMS) at 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Courts of Honor are held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

January –

- 5 7:00 p.m. – ice skating – Galaxie Park warming house
- 12 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS cafeteria
- 19 NO TROOP MEETING (MLK Holiday)
- 24 10:30am – 12:30pm – Pack 290 Pinewood Derby
- 26 7:00 p.m. - PLC meeting followed by Committee meeting
(no full troop meeting)

February –

- 2 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 6-8 Turkey Feed – Fred C. Anderson camp
- 9 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 16 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 23 No meeting – Winter Vacation!
- 28 Friends of Scouting campaign ends
- 28-Mar 1 Afton Alps ski trip



August 15-22, 2009 – Scout Camp @ Tomahawk Scout Reservation

Newsletter items can be sent to Missy Lecy at mlecy77@gmail.com

✓ Remember: All current permission forms and newsletters and any other vital information can be found on the Troop 290 website: www.troop290.indianhead.org.